

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

1. Please insert the following paragraph before paragraph [0001]:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/408,967 entitled “*Methods and Apparatus for Treating Intervertebral Discs*” filed September 5, 2002, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.